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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**Expedited Examination Procedure**  
**Examining Group 2872**

**PATENT**  
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**SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 3, 2003 (Paper No. 14) and the Advisory Action dated November 28, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended through December 3, 2003, by the request for a two-month extension of time and fee filed concurrently herewith, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.